

REMARKS

Applicants have cancelled claims 8-22 and 24-32 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in one or more continuation application.

Applicants have added new claims 33-44. Applicants submit the newly presented claims are supported throughout the specification. No new matter is presented.

After entry of this amendment, claims 1-7, 23 and 33-44 are pending.

SEQUENCE LISTING

In accordance with MPEP §2422.05, a paper copy of the Sequence Listing is included with this Preliminary Amendment. Accordingly, it is believed the application complies with the Sequence Listing requirements.

SUMMARY

Applicants submit that the claims of the present application are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below, if the Examiner believes that doing so will advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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